enable the paper industry in general to improve capacity utilisation and its financial viability. Among them, the following reliefs and concessions are expected to directly benefit the small paper mills to a large extent:

(i) Import of pulp and waste paper have been placed on OGL. Import of pulp is allowed free of customs levies.

(ii) Manufacture of writing, printing and kraft paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of pulp made from bagasse is exempted from payment of excise duty.

(iii) Paper and paperboard manufactured by small paper mills out of pulp containing not less than 50 per cent by weight made from materials other than bamboo, hard wood, soft woods, reeds Of rags are charged excise duty at concessional rates.

(iv) The facility of payment of excise duty on incremental basis for successive slabs has been extended to small paper mills from 1. 4. 1986.

(v) Flexibility allowed to the industry to manufacture all varieties of paper and paper grade pulp including paper board/straw board within the overall licensed capacity.

(vi) Requirement of Industrial Licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residues, wastes and bagasse.

Discussion for Developing Public Sector Industries in Kerala

200. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government representatives had any meeting with him recently to discuss the scope of developing public sector industries in the State; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During one of the recent visits of the Union Industry Minister to Kerala, the State Industries Minister discussed the issue with him.

(b) A list of projects for develop ing public sector industries in Kerala with their estimated costs wherever available and their status as in August, 1987 is given in the State ment.

Statement

s. No.	Particulars of the project	Estimated capital outlay (Rs. in crores)	Status as in August 1987
1	2	3	4
1.	Cochin Refineries Ltd.	59. 00	Approved
2.	Benzene project.	29 00	-do-
	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. Indian Rare Earths	869	Partly approved
	Ltd.		

1	2	3	4
4.	Cochin Export Processing Zone	4.76	Approved
5.	Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. Expansion project	1.03	-do-
6.	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. Ongoing projects	3.00	-do-
7.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd. 7 projects	481.03	under consideration
8.	Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. Modernisation & expansion	10.00	-do-
9.	Indian Rare Earths Ltd. Two projects	2.00	-do-
10.	Instrumentation Ltd. Tool Room project	5.00	-do-
11.	Cochin Shipyard Ltd. Second phase	45.00	-do-
12.	National Textile Corpn. Modernisation of 3 mills	84.90	-do-
13.	Indian Telephone Industries One new unit	Not known	Under consideration
14.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. One new unit	-do-	-do-
15.	Oil & Natural Gas Commission Oil exploration	-do-	-do-

In addition, some suggestions for diversification, modernisation, expansion for the following enterprises have also been made :—

(i) Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.

(ii) Indian Rare Earths Ltd.

(iii) Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.

(iv) Hindustan Latex Ltd.

(v) Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

(vi) Cochin Refineries Ltd.

(vii) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

(viii) Bharat Electronics Ltd.

(ix) Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

(x) Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.